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B. Armed Forces

I. USSR and "United" Forces (Warsaw Pact)

Higher Echelon Organization and Personnel

Betw 13 and 19 Oct, Soviet Marshal A.A. Grechko, who had left for the USSR in late Aug 1957, returned to Wunsdorf

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III. Yugoslavia

Higher Echelon Organization

In Oct 1957, numerous high-grade Yugoslavian officers participated in official ceremonies on occasion of Marshal Zhukov's visit in Yugoslavia. At that time, Zhukov was still Soviet Defense Minister. Following is a list of officers mentioned in press reports.

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Rank and Name	Position and/or Assignment
Army Gen Gosnjak, I	State Secretary for Defense
Gen Kresacic, O	Deputy State Secretary for Defense
Lt Col Gen Nicollic, W.	Yugoslavian Army
Gen Vuskovic, L	Chief-of-Staff
Gen Rokavina, I	Yugoslavian Army
Gen Orecanin, B	Yugoslavian Army
Admiral Jercovic, M	Commander of Yugoslavian Fleet
Gen Uleplic, Z	Yugoslavian Army
Gen Padc, K	Yugoslavian Army
Gen Jaksic, P	Yugoslavian Army
Gen Hamovic, R	c/o Zagreb army area
Gen Vucanovic, R	chief of Military High Academy
Gen Ljubicic, M	Yugoslavian Army
Brig Gen Dassovic, M	Yugoslavian Army

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C. Army**I. USSR (GDR)****1. Order of Battle**

30 Oct 13 x 152-mm gun hows and 2 x 85-mm AT guns loaded in Potsdam for Fuerstenwalde; shipm, incl 1 boxcar [] with escorting detail. []

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Comment. Guns of 34th Arty Div/GSPG presum turned in at Fuerstenwalde depot. Undetermined if div will receive new guns.

2. Training

After return of bulk of units from fall maneuvers and summer camps, activities restricted to interior duty, maintenance and training at posts. Training in firing continued at small scale.

27 Oct 3 shpmts Dallgow-Magdeburg distr []

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Comment. Elms 2d Arty Brig/Second Gds Mecz (Tank) Army may have transferred to tng gr, presum Altengrabow, for firing practices.

19 Oct 14 JSU-3s, 4 JSU-122s or JSU-152s, trucks and troops loaded Vogelsang rr station. []

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Comment. Tank unit 25th Tank Div/Second Gds Mecz (Tank) Army presum transferred for firing practice.

3. Armament and Equipment

10 Sep 2 JSU-122s and 3 T-54s unloaded Leipzig rr station. Noted that tanks had turrets but no guns. Turrets had only direct vision slots. Opening for gun closed by welding. []

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Comment. Probably command vehicles [] only with T-34s and amph tanks (PT-76) which mounted commander's coupola instead of turret.

II. Poland**Order of Battle**

In Nov 1956, 64th Tank Regt/20th Tank Div, [] C/O Lt Col Przytocki, stationed in south portion of Hammerstein (Czarne) troop camp, 1.5 km NW Hammerstein rr station. Regt was organized into 5 tank cos, each of 40 - 50 men (3 pls) with 11 T-34/85s;

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1 inf co (Desant czolgowy) of 30 men; at exercises, inf men tank-mounted.

1 engr pl of 15 men, equipped with ZIS-151s; at exercises, pl reinforced by div engr bn Falkenburg (Zlociniec).

1 sig pl of 12 - 15 men;

1 trans co of 25 men equipped with GAZ-51s or GAZ-63s and ZIS-150s.

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The 28th Tank Regt (troop camp SW Hammerstein rr station) was organized and equipped as 64th Tank Regt. The 31st Tank Regt, [redacted] (north section troop camp 1.5 km NW Hammerstein rr station) was called "heavy regt". It was equipped with JS-2s and JSU-122s.

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Comment. The 28th [redacted], 31st and 64th Tank Regts/20th Tank Div (Neustettin) are carried in Hammerstein.

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[redacted] Low strength figures tend to indicate that 20th Tank Div also includes only cadre units (tank regt: 400 - 500 men).

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[redacted] A Soviet tank regt incl 3 tank bns with a total of 6 cos. The so-called "heavy" 31st Tank Regt may be a hv tank SP regt of a tank div. [redacted] an u/i tank regt with same equipment as 31st Tank Regt is stationed in Croessinsee, the 20th Tank Div can be assumed to include 2 med tank regts and 2 hv tank SP regts.

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III. Czechoslovakia

Maneuver

Betw early and mid-Oct 1957, ex-soldiers of younger age classes picked up at apartments, places of work and in streets by soldiers in the Pilsen area; trucked away for 3-day exercises under wartime conditions. Private sedans and trucks confiscated at same time. Private veh were returned in a very poor condition after a week.

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Comment. In early Oct, maneuvers of Czech troops were held near Pilsen. Possibly mobilization practice in connection with exercises.

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D. Air Force**I. USSR****1. Location and Organization of Troops**

No change in the Organization and location of troops of Twenty-Fourth Air Army.

Between May and Oct 1956, about 30 MiG-15s [redacted]

[redacted] stationed at Kapusternovka emergency airfield, 15 km west of Itsym (49 12 N/37 19 E), Kiev M.D., northern field border along Itsym-Petrovskaya (49 20 N/36 50 E) road. Home field of unit at Khuguyev (49 51 N/36 39 E). No runway or taxiways available [redacted]

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(Comment.

First and unconfirmed report on this emergency airfield)

On 14 Aug 1957, about 100 IL-28s [redacted]

[redacted] observed at Lavoczne airfield, Carpathian M.D., northwest of and approx 5 km along Stry (49 15 N/23 50 E) - Munkacs (48 27 N/22 43 E) railroad line, about 15 km northwest of Lavoczne (48 48 N/23 22 E) railroad station. No runway or taxiways observed [redacted]

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II. Czechoslovakia**1. Logistics**

Mid-Jun 1957, an airfield was under construction on former agricultural field 2 km west Mostomits (50 40 N/14 07 E), east of Aussig (50 39 N/14 02 E). Airfield about 4 km long from east to west. Runway mats 3.5 meters long, 1-2 meters wide unloaded near 2 completed sheds and 1 small shed under construction. AA gun emplacement with 3 guns observed near airfield [redacted]

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In Oct 1957, a large number of NVA/L officers observed in Hotel Paris, Prague [redacted].

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Reason for presence of officers unknown, possibly educational trip.

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E. Navy**GDR****Strength of Work Forces at Soviet Zone Shipyards**

Between 1 Apr and 1 Oct 57, strength of work forces in Sov Zone shipyards decreased by about 4 percent, compared to 3.7 percent during first quarter 57. These figures indicate discharges have not been continued on same scale as early 57.

Percentage women employed individual shipyards is 10 - 20 percent. This comparatively small percentage probably due fact that, because repeatedly reported production difficulties caused by shortage of material, employment of male workers is given preference. Number of apprentices fluctuates betw 5 and 15 percent and averages 11.5 percent. This indicates GDR is making same efforts as the West to train young skilled workers. Percentage of those absent because of sickness is 5 - 8 percent and may be regarded as normal.

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Construction Program of Rosslau Shipyard (status: Sep 57)

1. Refrigerated cargo luggers: length, about 35 meters; width, about 7.2 meters; draft, about 2.9 meters; 400 dwt; 1 x 360-H.P. BW diesel, radio installation and radar. Six or seven of the 20 ships destined for the USSR have so far been delivered. The series was scheduled to be completed by 7 Nov 57. Final fittings are usually done in Wismar.
2. Two river icebreakers for Poland: 200 BRT; length, about 38 meters; draft 1.6 meters; two-screw propulsion; 2 steam piston engines of 1,250 H.P. each; coal-burning boiler. After repeated construction delays resulting from complaints about defects such as pipe fracture, boiler defects, the rudders being too small, and unbearable temperature in the engine room, first ship designated LAMPART was conveyed to [] early Sep 57 for speedy delivery to Poland in Wismar. Completion date of PUMA cannot yet be set.
3. One sea bucket dredger type 4 for Poland: length, 60 meters, width, 12 meters; speed, 6 knots; dredging performance, 400 m³/h; electric diesel propulsion with 2 x 300-H.P. diesel; radar, D/F, RFT 100-W short wave transmitter, depth finder, and echograph. Ship delivered early Sep 57.
4. Five sea bucket dredgers type 4a similar type 4: dredgers were 75 - 80 percent completed and are destined for Sov Zone Germany and Rumania.
5. Four trench hoes for Rumania: displacement, 80 tons; length, 17 meters; width, 6 meters. Ditchers are fitted with tools for cutting reed in Danube delta. Reed is used in cellulose production. Craft currently being fitted out.
6. Riveted motor freight ships type GUSTAV KOENIG: 750 dwt; 3 loading hatches; length, 67 meters; width, 8 to 9.5 meters; draft 2 to 2.5 meters; 2 x 8-cylinder diesel engines of 300 H.P. each; 540-H.P. MAK diesel; 1 screw with Kort nozzle. Total of over 200 ships this

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type already built. In 1957, 1 ship delivered Fedrep and two more scheduled for delivery in 57 while four more ships will be delivered 58. Workers said to have displayed special interest during construction, since these type ships were the first to be built for [] and this reaction has shown up in the quality of the work performed.

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7. Fifteen welded tanks type GUSTAV KOENIG: in the summer of 1957, [] placed order for construction of 15 ships. No information as to beginning of construction []
8. Hydrofoil boats: no intensive work on the further development of these boats could be observed. It is believed that, at present, new designs for the hydrofoils are being drawn up, in order achieve higher speed. Accord Sov Zone press, maximum speed of 30 knots so far achieved.
9. FORELLE speedboat: Construction 1 in Wolgast for trial runs for some time and Nos 2 and 3 still boarded and stationed in Rosslau. It is not expected that the engines will be delivered prior to 1958.

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Miscellaneous

1. Workers from Wismar, Brandenburg and Rostock have been concentrated here for export orders at a cost of 13 million DM which have to be fulfilled by 7 November 1957.
2. In accordance with status of orders, 1958 working plan provides for 2.7 million working hours, compared to 3.5 million working hours in 1957. This means reduction of about 23 percent. []

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F. Pre-military and Paramilitary Training

GDR

Militia and Police

1. Border Police

Border Kommando Lindenberg of border Bereitschaft Blumberg of Ring um Berlin equipped with appr 30 gas masks in June 1957

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Comment. Judging from description, Soviet "Schlem-I" gas masks, small numbers of which were probably issued to all border Bereitschaften after May 1957 for training purposes.

Return to 3-year term of service for border police, probably during first quarter 1957

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2. Alert Police

On 21 Jul, 5th alert police Bereitschaft activated from Leipzig alert police unit and VP Bereitschaft Leipzig-Markkleeberg. Unit to be filled up by 10th Bereitschaft in Aus area.

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3. Combat Groups

Learned that a Berlin combat group alerted on 26 Oct 1957 and trucked to Eberswalde, reportedly for exercise on Finow Canal and near Britz and, after a night at Eberswalde barracks installation, another exercise on 27 Oct.

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Comment. Employment of combat group in neighboring district worth noting. The newspaper "Die Volksarmee" mentioned on 27 Oct a "military exercise of armed workers' battalions of the Finow industrial area in the city of Eberswalde" and participation of VP, emergency bridge construction across Finow Canal by members of combat groups within 13 minutes, and successful defense of "counterrevolutionary armed forces".

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